

1 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: It stops with "industries"
2 and --

3 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Starts with "and" and ends with
4 "industries." Starts with "the" and ends with "industries."

5 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Ends with industries.

6 COMMISSIONER LANNI: And we'll drop the remaining
7 three.

8 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER LANNI: That would make you feel more
10 comfortable?

11 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Next. Page eight.

12 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Page eight.

13 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Madame Chair, I believe there's a
14 third section to this one. I need to know --

15 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'm sorry. I withdraw that. I
16 should have said that. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Page eight, fourth paragraph,
18 lines two and three. This may be the most simple proposal made
19 yet. No? Somebody's going to fight about it? I don't believe
20 it.

21 "Casino gaming creates jobs and reduces levels of
22 employment -- unemployment."

23 And our revised language is, "Casino gambling has
24 created jobs and, in some cases, reduced levels of unemployment."

25 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Well, this is a -- this is not a
26 broad based statement that casino gaming creates jobs and reduces
27 levels of unemployment, it's a statement that research conducted
28 on behalf of the Commission says that. And the truth is that --
29 those of you who love the NORC report should love this -- that

1 that is what the NORC report says. That's just factual. So, I
2 think the change is inappropriate. If we were saying as a
3 Commission, "Casino gambling has created jobs and reduced level
4 of unemployment" in some broad based fashion, I would agree with
5 you, Jim. But this is a depiction of research we had done for
6 us. And those of you that love it when it supports your position
7 should love it when it doesn't.

8 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: If you create jobs don't you
9 reduce unemployment?

10 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Not necessarily. Not
11 necessarily.

12 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Where is that? That's not a quote
13 from the NORC study.

14 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: No, but it's a depiction of it.

15 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'm not contesting it, but let me
16 -- may I make a suggestion, Madame Chair?

17 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Yes, please.

18 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: If -- and I take John at his word
19 here. Let's just have the staff look at it. If it captures what
20 NORC is saying on this point, then use it. If it needs some
21 slight qualification, then use that. Let it reflect what the
22 NORC study says. I assume at this point it reflects what John
23 has just represented, but to, you know, to simplify this.

24 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: I think this is sufficiently
25 important that we should hold the action on it.

26 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: This may die for the want of a
27 second, but I move this language because it is a more balanced
28 statement. We will recall that in Atlantic City the unemployment
29 rate would not move after the arrival of casinos and continued to

1 be high. And today, the last figure I saw was 4.4 percent --
2 12.4 percent.

3 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: But the number of jobs, certainly,
4 within Atlantic City, had to have increased from the time the
5 casinos started until now.

6 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Right. But in some cases,
7 reduced levels of unemployment would cover that. Here it's a
8 blanket statement that it always does that.

9 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: It's a depiction of our
10 research.

11 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Okay. The motion is made.

12 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Do you have the NORC report here?
13 Do you want to pull the page, please, and read it?

14 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Why don't we table that until that's
15 done and keep moving?

16 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Okay. The next item is, at
17 least in the order of my packet is mine, but we already dealt
18 with it. This is chapter seven page nine, lines 28 through 34.
19 We dealt with this earlier. This was the question of moving this
20 paragraph to the "Problem Gambler" chapter and rewording.

21 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I don't have the attachments to
22 it, but if we already dealt with it.

23 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: We dealt with it earlier today.

24 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Okay. The next one? Whose is that?
25 That's chapter seven, page nine. Jim?

26 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: That's your, John?

27 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Well, let me find out, first, if
28 everybody thinks it's a good idea.

29 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: It's at the bottom of page nine, the

1 study of Nevada employees.

2 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: We dealt with both of these this
3 morning. We moved it and rewrote it.

4 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Okay. Next?

5 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Next item is mine. Page 12, line
6 seven. We're quoting -- responding to Cooke and Clotfelter
7 (phonetic) here. Seven lines down. Let me read this sentence:

8 "In addition, the inordinate number of lottery
9 outlets in poor neighborhoods and a reliance upon
10 a small number of less educated and poor
11 individuals for the bulk of the proceeds, causes
12 us serious concerns."

13 And right at that point, we're suggesting the intrusion
14 -- or the insertion of the statement that you see. And I move
15 that we accept it.

16 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'll second that.

17 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: It's been moved and seconded.
18 Discussion? All in favor ? Any opposed?

19 COMMISSIONER LANNI: You'll be pleased to know on
20 chapter seven, page number 13, lines four through 11, I'm
21 withdrawing. I knew you'd like that.

22 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Madame Chair, can we go back to
23 the one we tabled a moment ago about the NORC report on page
24 eight?

25 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Certainly.

26 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: The ever reliable Eric pointed
27 out to me that the supporting statement from the NORC report is
28 quoted in the next sentence. It says -- I'm reading from the
29 draft.

1 "In its analysis of 100 gaming and non-gaming
2 communities, NORC found in the communities close
3 to newly opened casinos, quote, 'Unemployment
4 rates, welfare outlays, and unemployment insurance
5 declined by about one seventh.'"

6 And it's footnoted appropriately. So, clearly, the
7 NORC report does, in fact, say that. So, again, I think that the
8 proposed change is not appropriate.

9 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I move the question.

10 CHAIRWOMAN JAMES: Are you ready for the question? All
11 in favor? All opposed? No's have it. Okay. The next one?

12 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Terry, is the one that you
13 dropped, does it state at the top, "Reason for language
14 modification, given the amount of testimony heard from citizens"?

15 COMMISSIONER LANNI: We don't know -- or not.

16 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Well, I'm not sure this is the
17 one he dropped. I don't know what it says.

18 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: This is what he dropped. Okay.